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**EX-PARTE LETTER**

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street S.W., Room TWB204  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Petition of the State of Alaska for Waiver for the Utilization of Schools  
and Libraries Internet Point-of-Presence in Rural Remote Alaska  
Villages Where No Local Access Exists and Request for Declaratory  
Ruling

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,  
CC Docket No. 96-45

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Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is being filed, in duplicate, in accordance with the Commission's Rules, to report that yesterday, October 31, 2001, Marideth J. Sandler, Associate Director of International Policy, Transportation and Telecommunications, Office of the Governor, State of Alaska, left voice-mail messages for Matthew Brill, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy; Sam Feder, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin; and Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps regarding this matter. Ms. Sandler expressed the State's desire for affirmative Commission action on its pending petition as promptly as possible. In that way, schools and public officials in affected communities could begin the administrative processes necessary to implement the requested relief so that any local construction can begin as soon as possible after the end of winter.

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In the event there are any questions concerning this matter, please communicate with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Halperin  
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Enclosure

cc: Matthew A. Brill  
Samuel L. Feder  
Jordan B. Goldstein  
Marideth J. Sandler

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